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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF A REUTER'S NES RELEASE
PUBLISHED BY THE NATO PRESS SERVICE 18 FEB 76:

BEGIN TEXT:

WASHINGTON: THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY DISCLOSED A
MAJOR CUT IN PLANS TO BUILD OCEAN-GOING HYDROFOIL MISSILE SHIPS
WITH WEST GERMANY AND ITALY. THE CUTS COULD KILL THE WHOLE
PROJECT. (REUTER)

END TEXT.

2. THE NATO PHM PROGRAM IS A NATO COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PRO-
JECT AND, AS WITH ALL SUCH COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS, IS WATCHED
CLOSELY HERE. THE IMPLICATION IN THE REUTER'S RELEASE IS THAT
THE PROJECT IS IN JEOPARDY. REQUEST WASHINGTON PROVIDE A SUMMARY
STATUS OF THE NATO PHM PROGRAM AND ITS FUTURE IN THE LIGHT OF
THE ALLEGED BUDGET CUTS. ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THE NATO PHM
PROGRAM AND GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE INQUIRIES.
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